



# Prairie Rose



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## General Sibley Park in Bismarck 2004



By Cathy Ruebel

General Sibley Park in south Bismarck has been the location of a number of unit rallies since we joined in 2002. In my opinion, it is one of the most beautiful parks in the state, certainly any city park we've ever stayed in.

But, as most of you know, last year Bismarck endured a complete summer at the mercy of the Missouri River. Sibley Park took a walloping one-two punch from Mother Nature. Most of the park was underwater for upwards of three months. On Labor Day weekend, the area was hit by devastating winds which toppled centuries-old trees, because the ground was so waterlogged.

## Post - Flood 2012



Last fall, over 1,000 trees were removed from Sibley Park. Spring will tell us how many more trees did not survive having their roots submersed for so long. The following pictorial guide will show you what was lost and the challenges facing this Park.

Last we heard was that the City intended to open the park for camping by Memorial Day weekend. Seems a bit optimistic, unless they are planning dry-camping, with no electricity. Today's walk around the park was an eye-opener, to say the least. The picnic tables are out and ready, though.

This is of great interest to everyone, as the Fall Installation Rally is Scheduled to be held at Sibley. President Bev will keep everyone updated as to reservations, or any alternate plans that may be needed.

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## President's Corner . . . by Bev Zink

With our contacts in Jamestown, we have completed arrangements for all of us to get reacquainted on May 19th. We will begin at about noon or a bit before at the Buffalo City Grille downtown. We have a private room until 3:00 PM where we will eat lunch and relax.

There will not be any business meeting, but we will take time to have a report from those attending the midwinter IBT meeting, and an update on our Hands of Peace project. We will also make a few announcements about the first rally of the season at Aberdeen, SD. See the schedule for our day in

Jamestown, plus the telephone numbers for calling in your campground or motel reservations. We are pleased to hear that a number of you are coming with your RVs. That means we will have our evening at the Gladstone Inn as planned. Everyone is invited and welcome to join us there about 7:00 pm poolside.... until???



Looking forward to seeing you, as it seems that it has been a long while. Please contact me at 701-226-8839 if you have any questions, or if we can help in some way.

—Bev—

## 2012 Calendar of Events

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|------------------------|---|
| May 19, 2012           | Spring Get Reacquainted Luncheon - Jamestown    |
| June 7 - 10, 2012      | Summer Kick-Off Rally - Aberdeen, SD            |
| June 28 - July 4, 2012 | WBCCI International Rally Sedalia, Missouri     |
| June 29, 2012          | Region 7 Luncheon, Ivory Grille Sedalia, MO     |
| July 19 - 22, 2012     | Bottineau—Lake Metigoshe                        |
| Aug 8, 2012            | Unit Officers' Workshop, Spicer, MN             |
| Aug 8 - 13, 2012       | Region 7 Rally, Spicer, MN                      |
| Aug 30-Sept 2, 2012    | Fall Installation Rally - Bismarck, ND          |
| Oct. 13, 2012          | Krabseths' 60th Anniversary Party Williston, ND |

# A Day in Jamestown - May 19<sup>th</sup>

Spring Get Reacquainted Luncheon

Buffalo City Grille and Bar  
103 1st Avenue South  
Jamestown

Time: Noon  
(Airstreamer Time)

Order off the menu  
Eat at 12:30 PM

Report from the  
Mid-Winter IBT

Hands of Peace Update  
Info on Upcoming Rallies

Get-Together  
Sat 7 PM Poolside  
at the Gladstone Inn

Gladstone Inn  
111 2nd Street NE  
(1 block from Buffalo City Grille)  
Rooms \$77.39 + tax  
With Senior Discount  
Restaurant in Hotel  
Reservation 701-252-0700

*Or you can "BYOA"*

Jamestown Campground  
I-94 - Exit 256  
3605 80th Ave SE  
Jamestown  
701-252-6262

Frontier Fort Campground  
17th St SW  
(near the Big Buffalo)  
701-252-7492  
Cash or Check only

Smokey's Campsite  
8310 28th St SE  
701-252-1715

## Add these Dates to your Calendar

REGION 7 LUNCHEON  
Friday, June 29, 2012 @ 11:30 AM  
Ivory Grille - 317 S. Ohio Ave.  
Sedalia, MO  
Cost is \$13.00

Joyce and John Krabseth would like to invite their fellow Airstream friends to join them in celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary in Williston on Sat., Oct. 13, 2012. Detail to follow!

## Coming up in the May Issue

Voting Ballots will be in the next issue of this newsletter—it is very important that EVERYONE completes their ballot and returns them to President Bev prior to, or at the June Rally. Our Unit Delegate to the International Rally in Sedalia will need clear direction from all our unit members as to how to vote on some very critical measure on the agenda.

*Help Needed at the Pet Show!*

### Are you going to Sedalia?

Every year a fun Pet Show is held at the International Rally. This year is no different, except I'm in charge. So we are doing a couple of things differently. We will still have the categories, Costume, Tricks, Obedience, Best Looking which will be judged by two members from the Sedalia Kennel Club and a member of the Poodle Club of America. They will be bringing some of their show dogs to display, answer questions about 'what to look for in a good used dog', and in general answer your questions.

The pet show is open to ANY PET, dog, cat, bird, hamster, or snake (just kidding). This event will be held on Sunday, July 1st at 2:00 in the Youth Building Arena. We will also have a microchip clinic available for dogs only at a cost of \$20.00.

I need help to man the 'Pet Show' sign up desk which is located in the registration area on the following dates at the International Rally:

- 6-25 1-4 PM
- 6-26 9 AM to 4 PM
- 6-27 2-4 PM
- 6-28 9-noon

Can anyone give me an hour or two? I am really short handed on the 26th.

E-mail: [agre5628@aol.com](mailto:agre5628@aol.com) Thank you Linda Agre #5628



Upper left: The silt carried by the river was imbedded in the bark of the tree by the current flowing through the park during those three months. The water here was a little over 2 feet deep and got half way up the electrical junction box in the distance. Top right: Massive cottonwood toppled by high winds near the entrance to the park - the stump's circumference was about 4 feet. Center left site 51 in 2005; right, 2012. Bottom: This is the area that we most often parked for rallies in the recent years. It wasn't hit as bad as some of the areas of Sibley, but there are many trees gone already from this section, and likely more to be removed yet.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The Installation Rally is Labor Day weekend— do not delay in making your reservation, this park books up on a good year; there may be less sites available—I'd try to get Sites 54-61 or 62.